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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Brendyn Murray RODGERS, et al.
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Examiner: Darren ARK
Art Group: 3643
Title: MOUSETRAP

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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08 February 2008

Dear Sir;

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the USPTO Office Action dated 09 Nov 2007.

This paper incorporates a *Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time* in order to permit for the timely filing of this response.

Remarks:

The Examiner has divided the subject matter of the invention into the following categories of "species" and claims:

Species:	Claims:	Figures:
I	1, 9-19	1-4a, and 5a-c
II	1, 9-19	4b and 4c
III	1-7, 9-19	6a
IV	1-19	6b
V	20-33	7a, 7a, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b, and 10

The applicant TRAVERSES the Examiner's requirement as it is believed the subject matter of the claims is reasonably technically proximate such that a single search of the claims may be made to encompass the subject matter of all the claims (1 - 33) without being unduly burdensome to the Examiner. Thus, reconsideration of the propriety of the election of species requirement, and its withdrawal is solicited.

If the Examiner does not consider the foregoing remarks to be sufficient cause to withdraw the election of species requirement, the applicant points out that in their view that the subject matter of species I, III and IV may form the basis of a consolidated single search which would encompass both of the variants of the embodiments depicted on Fig. 6a and 6b, particularly in consideration regarding that the set of claims corresponding to species I and III are identical, and that of species IV add only claim 8 for additional consideration. It is thus urged upon the Examiner to initiate his search considering the embodiments of Figs. 6a and 6b jointly as they are quite similar in many respects, further in view of the embodiment of species I.

Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that telephonic communication with the undersigned representative would meaningfully advance the prosecution of this application towards allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at their convenience.